# WAKEFIELD PTA BULLETIN

WAKEFIELD HIGH SCHOOL ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA

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P T A Meeting

Monday, September 24 8:00 p.m.

Program: Back to school night

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BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT will have you parents sprinting in your youngsters' footsteps! We'll meet in the boy's gym at 8 for briefing and business. Be sure to bring the complete schedule of your son or daughter with room numbers marked on it. Student Guides will help you on your way to the right class. Each teacher will outline his course of instruction, methods of teaching and other information of interest. Dismissal bell rings shortly before 10.

ENROLLMENT INCREASES

2320 students are attending Wakefield this year. This is 85 more students than was predicted by the Research Department and 120 more than was enrolled at the end of school last year. Over 361 of these students were registered and scheduled after 1 August - many of them during the opening days of school. To accommodate this increase and the schedule choices of the new students, classes were added, new teachers were employed, and many adjustments in student assignment to classes. These adjustments have been made and work has proceeded efficiently from the opening day.

MORE CLASSROOMS NEEDED

The general overcrowding has caused classes to be assigned to many areas not usually thought of as classrooms. The auditorium is used all day for large study halls. English and Economics is taught in the lower auditorium lobby and Government and French is taught in the upper lobby. Drama is taught in a classroom set up on the stage. The teachers lunch room doubles as an English classroom and the cafeteria is used as a study hall. The projection room of the industrial arts department is used as a History classroom. The orchestra room is used for History and the band room for English. These situations are not bad areas for work but thgy are sub-standard. If enrollment continues to be above normal, additional classrooms ought to be built.

WAKEFIELD ROCKET SOCIETY

The Wakefield Rocket Society will be watching the stars and planets, especially Saturn and Jupiter, on "Back to School" night. Won't you come and look too. Their telescope will be set up on the Eastern half of the Senior Court. (Reached by an exit near the library)

WAKEFIELD CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

The first meeting of the Wakefield Curriculum Committee will be held on Tuesday, October 2 at 10 a.m. in the library. This committee is a discussion group open to all interested parents. Our principal, Dr. Wilson, meets with us regularly and on occasion invites other staff members.

Mr. Reid, superintendent of schools, has requested our committee to give consideration and study to "The School Day and School Year as it Relates to the School Program for 1963-64".

In relation to this we have been asked to discuss the following questions at our first meeting:

1. Is there a need for lengthening the school day?
2. Is there a need for lengthening the school year?
3. Does the length of the school day need to be the same for elementary, junior high and senior high schools?

Please give this some thought and join us for the discussion on Tuesday, October 2.

For further information phone Fay D. Rosado at JA &-4383.

INTERNATIONAL INTEREST

"AMERICANS ABROAD" is the general name for two programs: the Summer Program, under which American teenagers live as members of families abroad for the two summer months, and the School Programs, under which they live in families and also attend school there.

Alma Lee, Wakefield's delegate for summer 1962, has just returned from Switzerland.

Applications for 1963 will be accepted in the near future from members of the Junior Class.

Be discussing this with your son or daughter.

KEEP IN MIND

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| October 12 | Records Day - Holiday for Students |
| October 23 | College Night |
| November 26 | PTA Meeting |

AND IN SPORTS

September 28

J.V. Football - Osbourn, Osbourn 10:30 A.M.
Cross Country - Yorktown, Stadium J.V. & V. 4:00 and 4:30
Football - Benedictine, Stadium 8:00 P.M.